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Homecoming festivities keep tradition alive

by Lasaundra Brown
staff writer

The week-long beat of the Apache drum ended with a 35 to 13 football victory over Trinity Valley Community College Oct. 23. The drum beat is the most visible Homecoming tradition—if the drum beat stops before the game starts, TJC will lose.

April Martin and Calvin Nichols were named 1999 Homecoming King and Queen during pre-game ceremonies. Tiffani Dozier and Sterling Smith were named most beautiful and most handsome.

The homecoming court included: Tiffany Hicks and JerMarcus Walker, first runners-up; Chandra Heggins, second runners-up; Uronica Earl and Alvin Chimney, third runners-

up; Jackie Ross and James Carter, fourth runners-up.

Some 100 people watched Campus Capers talent performances. Comedian Mark Britten entertained the crowd with jokes between acts. Apache Punch drum line won the \$300 first prize in the professional division, the Apache Belles won \$200 for second and Harmony and Understanding won \$100 for third.

In the amateur division Chase McClannahan won the \$300 first prize, Carolyn Gannon and Kay Barber won \$200 for second and Travis Syfert won \$100 for third. Bateman Hall won the building decorations and the Geology Club placed second.

After Campus Capers, students gathered for a pep



photo by Ije Osuagwu
Last year's Homecoming couple Ronald Hughes and Kelley Martin beat the Apache drum.

rally at the Duck Pond on Wise Plaza. They danced to the Apache Band drum beats and sang the school song

and fight song.

The top five Homecoming king and queen nominees were announced.

WOW focuses on support

by Jennifer Murray
staff writer

Winning Opportunities for Women meets a 4 p.m. first and third Wednesdays in Pirtle Technology room 202 or the first floor conference room.

These women promote good qualities for themselves and other people.

Founded in 1998 as a support group for women students, they encourage leadership skills, help each other develop responsibility and work skills.

It also is a place to come to and tell someone your problems, and let them help you try to solve them, WOW Sponsor Melinda Coker said.

WOW officers are: President Zella Haynes-Causey, Student Senate Representative Chandra Higgins, Senate Alternate Holly Hudspeth and Yearbook Chair Erica Kelley.

WOW does community services; singing at nursing homes at Christmas and being mentors for middle school students.

Other cultures turn death into celebration

by Ashley Tompkins
page editor

Death. No one can escape being affected by it, although today's society makes

it somewhat taboo and usually sad.

Many Latinos celebrate death. Family and friends gather to remember and pay tribute to their deceased loved ones.

Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) tradition has lasted more than 200 years. Latinos celebrate this holiday as they approach All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, Nov. 1 and 2, both at church and at home.

"We celebrate babies that have died on Nov. 1 and the adults who have died on Nov. 2," TJC Custodian Sidronia Diaz said.

Churches fill with

many Latinos Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 as they begin remembering the dead.

"Our family puts cards and photographs on the dining table with the name of each person who has passed in our family. We have candy around the table with candles burning and cempasuche, or marigolds," Diaz said.

This celebration is far from being morbid, with laughter and jokes, instead of tears and remorse. They remember the old habits and quirkiness of the departed, tell stories and laugh about beloved deceased relatives.

In Mexico, this leads to making eulogies for the living: political leaders, movie stars, even next-door neigh-

bors. All become fair game to be made fun of in local newspapers. Bakeries sell candy, sugar skulls and coffins and cookies, *pande muerto*, shaped like skulls and skeletons.

"I'm from the state of Michoacan in Mexico, but my family moved here when I was 17 or 18. We still celebrate it the same here as we would in Mexico," Diaz said.

Although it is a time of merriment, a sense of solemnity found at the churches and burial grounds. Participants arrive early and usually leave late, cleaning and decorating the graves and tombstones with flowers and lighted candles at the gravesite.

The Day of the Dead evolved from Aztec religious

rituals performed to link the living with their departed ancestors, according to David McLemore's story in The Dallas Morning News.

Ritually, marigolds and scented candles were used to invite the spirits of the dead for a feast. Spanish priests would later instill Catholic belief into Aztec ceremonies to make Christianity more acceptable to the Indians.

Some believe that by reuniting with the dead, they connect with life again and realize that death is not the end. It is a time of great joy, when they can let the dead live in their hearts again and laugh at death.



photo by Ashley Tompkins
Sidronia Diaz talks about Day of the Dead.

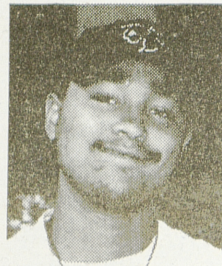
CAMPUS F•O•C•U•S

Do you think that moving the benches will help with smoking?



Tommy Whittaker

No, smoke is like air. It moves with it. Therefore you eventually breathe it.



Larry Booker

No, they will just stand up around there and smoke anyway.



Kayla Vaughn

No, people are going to smoke, wherever they can.



Gabriel Maldonado

Yes, because they have no were else to sit.



Ben Bright

We just moved from where we were, and ran the non-smokers out."

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Smoking facilities sending mixed messages

by Danny Gallagher, editor-in-chief,
and Aaron Roberts, associate editor

'No smoking within 50 feet' signs are now posted near entrances to some, but not to all, classroom buildings. Whether smokers follow the rule is another issue. Apparently they see the signs and say, "That can't be for me."

As if the signs weren't confusing enough, the administration has thrown smokers a mental curve ball.

The benches behind Jenkins Hall have been the gathering place of persistent smokers. Officials put up the 'No Smoking' signs but they put ash trays next to the benches to keep the butts of the ground. Now that someone complained about smokers at the rear of Jenkins, those benches were removed and relocated. Our campus beautification workers added several new benches but they put ash cans as if to advertise

the cozy spots for the lung-tissue challenged. The problem that students are getting a very mixed message - should they smoke at these areas?

The real problem is a lack of enforcement of smoking regulations. On any given morning, you will see 10 to 15 students standing around a building entrance, puffing away no more than 10 feet from signs that announce, "Smoking is prohibited within..." No

one tells them they need to find a different place to smoke. Apparently they can't read or they choose to defy the law.

If the administration is serious about accommodating both smokers and non-smokers, they need to stop sending mixed messages and start enforcing the rules. Smoking is a life or death issue for some.

New people, experiences are on the road

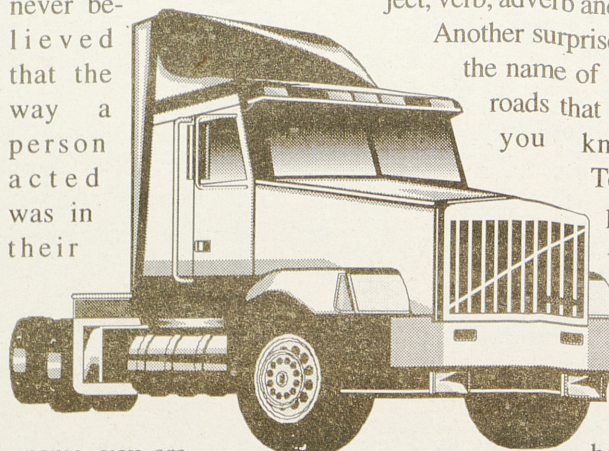
by Aaron Roberts
associate editor

When I decided that I didn't want to sell clothes to teenagers or ask "Do you want fries with that?", I thought about driving an 18-wheeler for a summer job. Not knowing what I would be getting myself into, I took my Commercial Driver's License test, strapped an 80,000 pound truck to my backside and hit the road.

The first item I of interest on the road was the food. Traveling in Florida I saw several signs advertising the "Cafe Risqué," a restaurant where the topless waitresses serve food and "Couples are welcome." Next was the Mexican restaurant with a small dog on its billboard. Needless to say, I was bit leery of this establishment. Seeing that my food choices were frightening, I decided to have my mother pack my lunch. If you thought that nourishment couldn't come from an Igloo Cooler, you are wrong. Whatever the heart desired—from Twinkies and Ho-

Hos to fried chicken and barbecue—she placed in sealed foil wrappers and left for my consumption.

The next discovery was the colorful people I met at truck stops and on the CB. If you never believed that the way a person acted was in their



name, you are wrong. Some of the truckers have the handles "Goose," "Skank" and "Baby Maker" for a reason.

"Women's lib" takes on a whole new meaning when you see a woman who could be a center for the Dallas Cowboys change a 200-pound trailer tire with nothing but a hand jack and

a four-way lug wrench.

English teachers would fall over in a pile if they heard the vocabulary these people use. You haven't lived until you carry on a conversation with a person who thinks that the F word is a subject, verb, adverb and adjective.

Another surprise not was the name of towns and roads that I saw. Did you know West Texas has a place called Noodle Dome? People live there. Arkansas has Toad Suck, a name they liked the name so much that they named a national park after it.

In Missouri a small town is called Chunky and those who travel farther could be fortunate enough to cross the Chunky River. My question — what exactly was once in this river

that made it chunky?

Pennsylvania has a place called Intercourse—wonder what they did to fill their time? Not on most maps is another small town next to Intercourse called Bird-in-the-Hand. So as you scroll the map you read "Bird-in-the-Hand Intercourse."

For a good education on the road, take the time to read the epic novels scratched on some restroom walls. I found so many phone numbers I thought I was looking at the directory. The content is not the only interesting thing about the messages. The location is something to marvel at. You must sit there and rationalize — this person must have written this while up-side down and left handed, or he must have stood on the toilet to reach the ceiling. I saw one message 'inside' the urinal advising the user "Don't eat the big white mint."

So if you want to earn some good money and experiences you can't tell your kids about, drive an 18-wheeler for the summer.

Reality Check

Roadkill fuels vultures, road rage, new theme restaurants

by Danny Gallagher
editor-in-chief

When I first moved to Tyler, I was bombarded with tons of free pamphlets, commercials, billboards, road signs, candy bar wrappers, gift wrapping material, mattress trucks and the most effective medium for advertising -- condoms about how Tyler is the rose-growing capital of the known universe. Does that mean roadkill is only Tyler's second biggest commodity?

It seems like no matter what I street I drive down, there's al-

ways some dead raccoon lying in the road with his lifeless limbs pointed towards the heavens and his lifeless guts spilled out all over the highway like someone has tossed his/her "Squashed Squirrel Slushie" out of their car window.

Then there are those moments when you think you've finally picked a road or avenue free of crusty creature cadavers when suddenly -- THUNK! -- another one bites the dust. And as soon as you've figured out the origin of the mysterious sound, you al-

ways have to take that leering look into the rearview mirror to marvel at your accomplishment. You think you've just created an artistic masterpiece like the Mona Lisa when it really it looks more like a Picasso on acid.

The grossest creations always appear when we're eating while we're driving. One of the few moments human beings enjoy -- we're chowing down on a Double Whopper with cheese and extra ketchup is immediately ruined because Thumper doesn't know how to read a frigging "Walk/

Don't Walk" sign.

Now we as a nation of shovel-toting Americans can take matters into our own hands by cleaning up the mess ourselves. But why do that when there's an actual government who can do it for us? Besides, they're already spending money on road construction that was supposed to be finished by the end of the Reagan administration. They can do something constructive with our tax dollars other than cause light year sized traffic jams.

There's no solid solution to

our little problem, other than wiping out all animals in city of Tyler with the aid of radioactive waves that cause tiny explosions inside the creatures' cerebellums. We can to let our representatives and officials know we need help cleaning our highways so our streets don't turn into the world's longest "All You Can Eat Buffet" for vultures.

Next thing you know, the Chamber of Commerce will start asking for road construction money to build a sneeze guard.

Freshmen juggle fast food jobs with stress of school

by Jamenick Gunter
staff writer

Cameron McWilliams and Scott Black, both 18 year old freshmen, work at Sonic in Mineola. McWilliams now manages the store where he got his first job six years ago.

That makes the business administration major Black's boss.

McWilliams describes himself as a hard worker. He has never fired anyone, he said, but he has written up many people.

Because he is so young, he feels strange giving orders to older workers and to employees who have been there longer than he has. People sometimes slack off because they know he is working and sometimes they try to take advantage of him.

He said he feels left out when he has to go to work, and he sees his friends on the street, but since he took over as assistant manager, he is able to afford a new car.

His advice about working and going to school is:

get your work schedule and school schedule set, don't try to overload yourself with hours and be sure that you and your manager agree on what days you can work and what days you can't.

Black has worked at the Mineola Sonic for three years, a job he describes as unique and challenging.

The difference between managing and being a shift leader, he said, is managers have more responsibility. They have to count money, make sure that all the orders

are out on time, keep employees focused and make sure all workers does their jobs.

A shift leader has to help the manager, but, most of all, they control the kitchen. He must make sure that orders are going out just as fast as they are coming in.

Black says he is not respected for his position, and he looks forward to be a manager. His advice to working students: go two or three days a week, and do not stress yourself out.

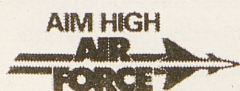
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French Week to feature films

by Sarah E. Jones
staff writer

TJC will participate in National French Week Nov. 4 - 10 with a Film Festival featuring works of the French author and film maker Marcel Pagnol.

All films are in French with English subtitles. They are open to everyone free, French Instructor Dr. Elaine Graybill said.

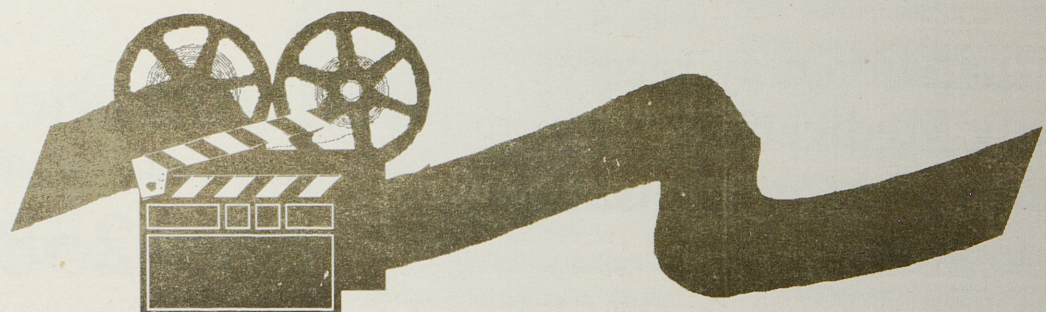
The schedule is:

"My Mother's Castle," 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Apache Room 1, Rogers Student Center;

"My Father's Glory," 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Board Room, White Administrative Services Center;

"Jean de Florette," 6:30 p.m., Nov. , Apache Room 3, Rogers Student Center;

"Manon of the Spring," 6:30 p.m., Nov. , Apache Room 3, Rogers Student Center.



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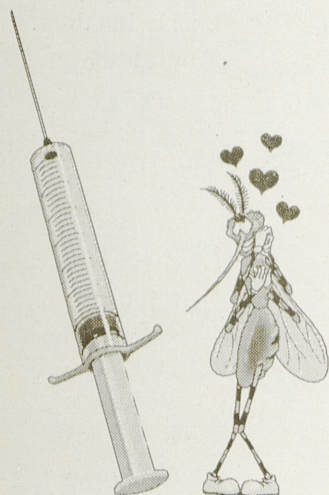
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It's that time again: Flu Season

by Angela Curry
ad manager



It is that time again — flu season. Catching the flu can mean more than just aches and pains for some people — it can lead to pneumonia which can be deadly for the elderly or those with other health problems. These people may be sick longer, need to be hospitalized or even die.

But watching diet, exercising, getting regular check-ups, taking both pneumococcal and flu shots annually can

prevent illness.

"Be aware if you are at risk and get screened for diabetes," Diabetes Educator Barbara Gardner said.

The pneumonia shot is safe and will protect you against infections and meningitis as well, she said. Many people worry that the shot will cause pneumonia. Anyone can take this vaccine any time of the year, even at the same time they take the flu shot.

"The Center for Disease

Control determines each year the types of flu that will be in each area and makes a vaccine to cover a couple of the most common types," Registered Nurse Teresia Maddox at Mother Frances Hospital said.

Neither vaccine — flu or pneumonia — contains any live virus, so even if you do get the flu, the shot will prevent complications.

"Doctors are encouraging people to take the flu shot early because cases of the flu are

coming up sooner and worse," Maddox said.

To help more people take charge of diabetes, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is campaigning nationally to encourage those with diabetes to get the flu shot.

"People with diabetes or any chronic illness need to be concerned because their immune system is impaired and cannot fight off illnesses as well," Maddox said.

Flu vaccine available to students

by Lasaundra Henderson
staff writer

Students, faculty and staff can get vaccines in the Health Services office in Rogers Student Center. To get a flu shot, you pay \$6 at the cashier's office in White Administrative Service center and take the receipt to Health Services.

The flu began affecting some students early this month.

Health Services offers shots from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"Flu season usually begins in December, but this year the flu season came early," Vocational Nursing Graduate Stacey Tarpley said.

Only 250 flu shots were ordered and 200 have already been given, Vocational Nursing Instructor Judy Carr said. Vaccines takes a month to build up resistance so Tarpley advises students to get flu shots immediately.

Benches behind Jenkins disappear

by Theron Cole
staff writer

When students arrived Oct. 18 everything seemed normal, but one group discovered something valuable was missing. The smokers who usually stand and sit near the rear entrance of Jenkins Hall discovered their benches had been removed Monday morning.

To protest the benches' removal, Sophomore Brad Bryan hung a hammock in the large oak tree near the rear door of Jenkins Hall. Physical Plant Director Fred

Carson asked Bryan to remove the hammock shortly after classes began Tuesday morning.

Students and faculty have complained about the area being crowded and congested with people smoking near the doors. A City of Tyler ordinance prohibits smoking in public

buildings including higher education institutions and within 50 feet of entrances to public buildings.

The benches that disappeared were not just any ordinary benches. They were fine-arts benches painted by current and past TJC students.

"I believe this is the main reason the students are so up in arms," Dr. Linda Watkins, dean of liberal and fine arts, said.

The benches were more than just a place to hang out and smoke. They meant something to the people who spent time designing and creating them, she said.

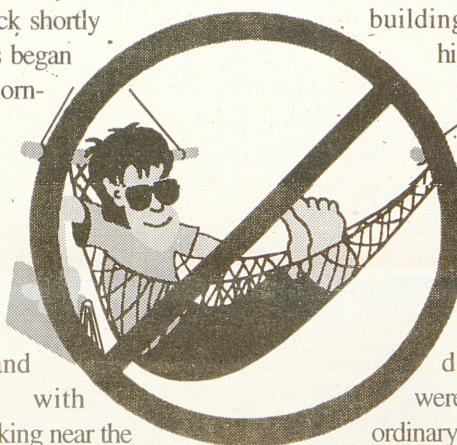
"I had no idea these benches were any different than any other benches on campus," Carson said.

Carson's job, he said, is to keep the campus looking good and to make changes he thinks are necessary to improve it.

Removing the benches was an attempt to clear the area that is normally occupied by students smoking in areas where we are trying to grow grass, Watkins said.

"We are not hurting the grass. There is no grass!" Sophomore Jamie Jenson said.

"A petition is on the way," Bryan said. "We will get our benches back."



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White-Ginder tells of her sons struggle with AIDS

by Ije Osuagwu
page editor

Championing AIDS awareness and education, Jeanne White-Ginder told some 300 students about her son's bout with AIDS.

"I lost a child to a horrible disease," White-Ginder said Oct 14.

Thirteen-year old Ryan White, received blood transfusions to treat hemophilia in 1984. Within a few months after a transfusion that included HIV-contaminated blood, Ryan developed symptoms. Doctors who diagnosed Ryan with full-blown AIDS gave him two to three months to live.

Despite the odds, Ryan's drive to live fueled the need to educate the public about the then-little known disease.

When word of Ryan's illness became public, residents his small town community of Kokomo, Ind. made him an outcast. Uneducated, worried parents pulled their children out of the school Ryan at-

tended because they were afraid contact with their children by saliva, touch, tears, sweat or sharing restroom facilities would transmit AIDS.

Local restaurant managers complained about Ryan eating at their places. CBS called White-Ginder to tell her the Kokomo school board had denied her son a place in school for the upcoming academic year.

"People weren't educated about this disease," White-Ginder said. "If you don't know about something, chances are you're going to be afraid of it."

After grueling court-

battles, Ryan was finally allowed back in school, but the harassment wouldn't stop.



photo by Scott Nalley
Ije Osuagwu and Jeanne White-Ginder talk about her book

Ryan agreed to use a separate restroom but students would write FAG on his locker and books. That was the height of ridicule for Ryan's mom.

"I wasn't going to take it anymore," she said. "I told the school secretary that if Ryan didn't have a new locker and books by the end of the day, I would get the media on

them."

Moments later, Ryan called home and said that everything had been taken care of.

White-Ginder's faith in God prompted her to ask the Lord why this particular trial was happening in her life and especially in the life of her young son. She also questioned some responses by the Christian community to her son's illness.

"I had more problems dealing with some Christians than with any other group," she said. "I've always been taught to love all people regardless of nationality, illness or race, but some in the Christian community wouldn't reach out to Ryan." In 1984, Ryan was constantly sick. He suffered from

chronic diarrhea and vomiting, diabetic seizures and temporary blindness, but this life struggle set before Ryan didn't seem to faze him. Ryan's passion for education and a normal life overrode his battle with AIDS.

"I just want to live my life like everyone else," Ryan once said to his mother.

In the midst of IVs, experimental drugs and physical setbacks, White-Ginder saw Ryan face his sickness head-on. He was always the strong one, she said.

Ryan along with Elton John and other celebrities co-hosted an AIDS benefit banquet in New York. John and Michael Jackson visited Ryan in the hospital up to his death.

"You need to learn to appreciate the good things in this life," White-Ginder said. "We can't lose hope. We've got to fight this disease, together."

Dental hygiene program celebrates 30 years

by Sarah E. Jones
staff writer

The Dental Hygiene Program celebrated its 30th anniversary during Homecoming activities with a special gift from area dental societies.

East Texas Dental Society donated a \$10,000 Panorex machine. Smith County Dental Society and dentists throughout the East Texas area contributed to the purchase of the panoramic X-ray machine.

"We are so excited," Program Director Elizabeth Wimberly said.

The machine, which takes a radiograph of a patient's teeth and jaw, helps detect jaw abnormalities and locates wisdom teeth.

Dr. Chip Swinney, East Texas Dental Society president, said the program is important to dentists in the area because they need qualified dental hygienists.

"We wanted to give them more than a pat on the back," he said.

"It will be good for students to

train on the same type of equipment they will use when they get out of school," Dr. Swinney said.

The new machine, which replaces an outdated model, will be beneficial to students and their patients, Wimberly said. It takes much better images that will help identify jawbone problems.

The up-to-date equipment will also ease the transition from college to career.

"It helps to train students on modern equipment like they will be using in dentists' offices," Wimberly said.

The American Dental Association approved increasing from 24 to 36 the number of students in the program, the only college dental hygiene training program in East Texas.

"We really appreciate the support of the dental societies, the administration and the faculty," Wimberly said. "We hope the next 30 years will be as great as the first 30 have been."

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Long distance relationships: *love between the miles*

by Angela Curry
ad manager

Relationships are hard enough, but when you add lots of miles between one another, things can get difficult, by adding extra problems and complications. When college students move, they leave their loved ones and relationships behind. Many of them don't work out, but it has been done.

Psychology Instructor Jeanne Ivy married her long-distance love.

"The first thing a couple needs to do is recognize problems that will be added to the relation-

ship miles apart," Ivy said.

She recommends before committing to a long distance relationship that the couple needs to do some soul searching. Ask yourself, "Do I want to wait for this person and is it worth it?" When no one else can interest you or give you that same feeling as your partner, that you can count that it is worth it.

"My freshman year I moved to Ohio with my family while my future to be husband stayed here at TJC. I dated a few, but I knew within a few months," Ivy said.

You have always heard "absence makes the heart

grow fonder" but is that really true?

Ivy says you grow fonder by looking forward to a letter or a phone call.

A long-distance relationship cannot work without communication. Whether it is e-mail, the phone or the old fashioned way - letters - if you are committed and the relation-

ship is worth keeping, make sure there is enough contact.

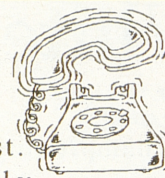
"Letter relationships can be the most romantic because the person talks from their heart. I've been married 28 years and I go back and read my letters," Ivy said.

In long-distance relationships, set goals and encourage each other to do

your best.

Constantly dwelling on that special one you care about can be emotionally draining. Look into the future of what is to come and work for that day you will be together.

If you would like to share your experience or tips please send us an e-mail at tjcnews@mail.tyler.cc.tx.us.



LaRue isn't just any old teeny-bop sound

by Ije Osuagwu
page editor

New on the Christian music scene, Phillip and Natalie LaRue of the group LaRue are making an impressive debut. Phillip, 17, and Natalie, 15, are not one-hit wonders. With both singing vocals and Phillip on guitar, this sibling duo has enduring talent that's sure to attract avid listeners.

Their freshman, self-titled album ranges through folk, modern pop/rock influences with injections of razor, acoustic sound and a message that resonates crystal clear. In their songs they share their faith in God and facing the daily challenges of this world from a mature, but youthful perspective.

Their signature radio song, "Waiting Room," explores the passing of life with hope in Jesus Christ for life beyond the grave.

Love songs. "Someday" is a musical expectation of a future soulmate. Here Natalie carries a mostly solo vocal performance reminiscent of a mixture of Jewel

and Sarah McLaughlin but with a trademark youth tender, folkloric sound that's not imitation.

Phillip's rich and passionate vocal depth carries the album for an even musical flow. In the song "Fallen King" about life failures, the chorus echoes, "I'm falling down, broken my crown. I feel like a king who's lost everything."

All songs on the album are co-written by the siblings, an excellent start in lyrical input to show where they stand in their musical message to the masses.

With a family name that means "the road," LaRue is definitely headed in the right musical direction.

Their sound is infectious, their message sincere and true and it's a refreshing change from mainstream, overrated boy bands and ever popular teeny-bop love struck songs whose life expectancy can only last so long.

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Tired? Run down? Physically exhausted? Take a break!

by Becky Jester
staff writer

Take a break!

As my frustrations began to build inside me, I put my schoolbooks and notes aside and took myself out.

After eating fattening, delicious chicken strips at Whataburger, I

went to a matinee. I sat back in the plush theater seat with my \$2.75 bag of Gummi Bears and watched the very insightful Saturday Night Live production of "Superstar." I laughed. I cried. It moved me. It felt good to treat myself to a light-hearted view of life when everything lately has been so serious.

With earthquakes, wars and depression all around, sometimes we need to stop and ponder the significance of green VW Beetles on the road every time Mary Katherine Gallagher goes outside.

The movie ended and I drove back to campus in silence. My car stereo shorted out, so I rolled down

the windows and listened to cars pass me by. Sometimes, the silence can be insanely annoying, but instead of driving down the road dancing and singing to the radio, I used that time to really think about things. I have actually found myself enjoying little things I used to take for granted. As col-

lege students, we can become so wrapped up in lab tests, scholarships, degrees and jobs that we forget that birds still sing in the trees and the sun still sets in the west with radiant colors. It has been a long time since I have watched the sun set. I think I will do that tonight.

The best things in life are already in your possession. Put your \$60 textbooks away for a few hours and treat yourself to the things you really enjoy. You deserve it!

Mystery entertains

by Courtney Jones
staff writer

A dinner theater murder mystery, "Dedicated to the End" opened Homecoming. The cast and crew worked on New York and Texan accents for the show by Peter De Pietre.

"The play caught my attention because it's something that's fun," Director Anita Livingston said.

Three others in the cast were: Academic Counselor Alan Barnes as Stanley J. Richfield, Financial Services Coordinator Janet Watts as Doris Richfield, student Jarrod Barrow as Rodney Richfield, staff coordinator Joni Jones as Velma Vixen, sophomore Derek Platt as Luigi Rosetti, student Robin Cannon as Tortellini Fusilli, Sonia Martinez as Julie Pinkbottom, History Instructor Mary Lewis as Nan Beaumont, and Learning Resources Dean Mickey Slimp as Antonion Scrugilli.

Ron Hughes stole the show as a hot crossdressing FBI detective George Bloomberg, investigating a murder set at an election night in honor of the governor of Texas.

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Men's basketball preseason opens with great expectations

by Vatina Henderson
page editor

The Apache Men's Basketball Team opened preseason play with high expectations and a 60-point thrashing of Jarvis Christian College Oct. 3. Coming off a disappointing 17-14 season the Apaches feel they have nowhere to go but up when season play opens Friday against Wiley College in the TJC Classic Tournament.

Immanuel McElroy with 30, Dinno Daniels with 26 and Jeremy Day with 17 led their new run and gun offense. The team showed a lot of quickness and tough play inside from Lamar Hill and sharp shooting from the outside from Darmetreis Kilgore and Daniels.

New Head Coach Chris Crutchfield replaces former Head Coach Kyle

Keller who moved to Oklahoma State University. Assisting Crutchfield are newcomers Jai Steadman and Matt Javit who returns from last year.

Returning players are leading scorer All-American Immanuel McElroy, pre-season player of the year, Lamar Hill, Sheldon Denson and former red-shirts Chad Nix and Lyndric Washington.

Newcomers include Daniels, a transfer from Memphis; Jeremy Day, a transfer from Liberty College; Kilgore, Bobby Hill, Tarlus McDaniel, Jeremie McGuire, Ryan Wheeler and David Wilkerson.

They hope to fill holes left by Dave Dixon who left for Washington, Demetrius Chris who transferred to Hill College and three-point specialist Ed Harvey

who transferred to University of Texas at San Antonio.

The Apaches compete in a tough conference against loads of talent. Kilgore College, always a tough opponent, beat the Apaches in all three of last year's games.

Other threats are Trinity Valley Community College, a national tournament team and Navarro College.

The Apaches lost to a U.S. Army Team, 77-76, and to a Houston Pro Team, 112-105, Oct. 15.

They beat Howard College, 51-49, and Ranger College, 77-52, before losing to Midland College, 51-46 in Oct. 18 scrimmages in Stephenville.

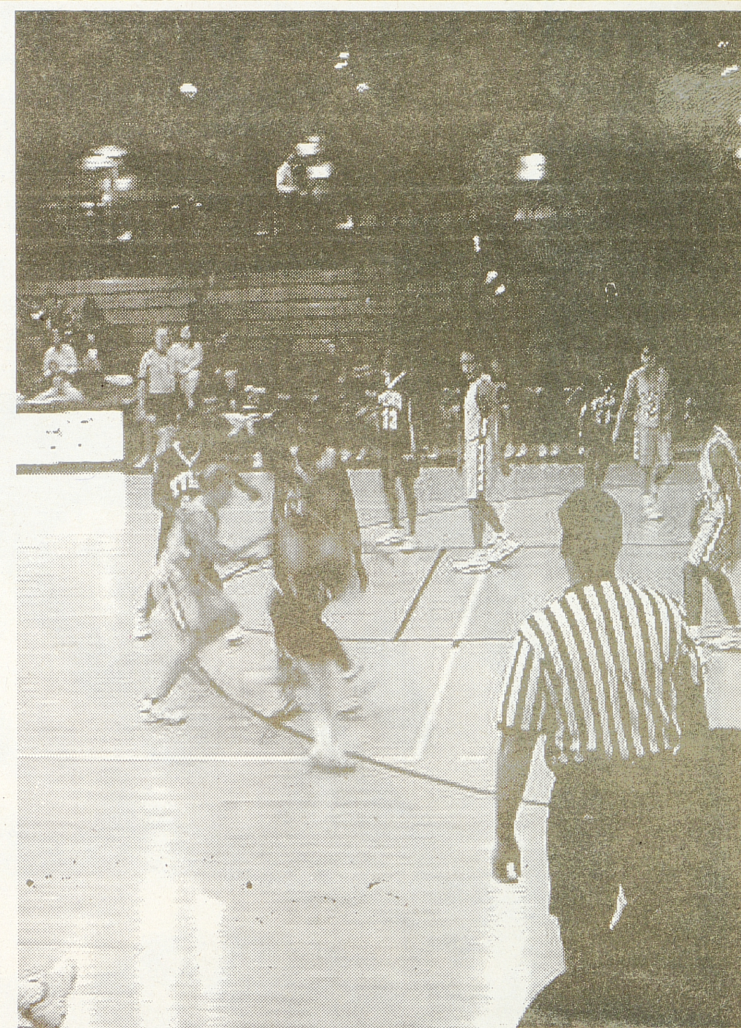


photo by Vatina Henderson
The Apaches scrimmage each other at the Meet the Apaches Oct. 26.

Groups nominate 54 for Homecoming honor

by Lasaundra Brown
staff writer

A total of 19 organizations nominated 54 candidates for Homecoming King and Queen. The nominees for Homecoming Queen include:

Joni Barrow, American Association of University Women; Charine Chavez, Resident Associates Association; Tiffani Dozier, Apache Band; Uronica Earl, Minority Student Association; Ashley Gibson, Baptist Student Ministries; Christian Harris, American Sign Language; Chandra Heggins, WOW; Tyquesha Hewitt, VINAS; Tiffany Hicks, Cheerleaders and Miranda Kyle, Apache Belles.

Others were: April Martin, Student Senate; Mandy Rhames, Wesley Foundation Ross, Beta Chi Beta; Sarah Stullenburger, Bateman Hall; Ashley Tarrant, Rho Beta Chi; Amanda Thibodeaux, Geology Club; Jennifer Trueblood, Apache Spirit Squad; Kimberly Vice, Phi Theta Kappa and Linnie Westmoreland, Scholars Academy.

King nominees were: Micha Brock, American Sign Language; David Burch, Apache Spirit Squad; Lucas Cappaletti, Apache Belles; James Carter, Beta Chi Beta; Alvin Chimney, Minority Student Association; Steve Coker III, Geology Club; Chris Drake, Phi Theta Kappa and Ryan "LV" Harrison, Rho Beta Chi.

Others include: Shane Mitchell, Apache Band; Calvin Nichols Jr., Resident Associates Association; Eric Roberts, Baptist Student Ministries; Sterling Smith, Student Senate; Marc Tucker, Scholars Academy; Cameron Tyer, Bateman Hall; JerMarcus Walker, Cheerleaders and Joseph Yarbrough, AAUW.

Apache Football defeats Trinity Valley 35-15

by Vatina Henderson
page editor

The Apache Football Team's valiant effort routed the seventh-ranked Trinity Valley Community College Cardinals, 35-13, before 5,100 fans at Rose Stadium Oct. 23.

Despite the win, Navarro College's 34-18 win over Ranger College eliminated the Apaches from the playoff race. The win improves TJC to 4-4 overall and 3-3 in conference play.

The defense overpowered the Cardinals the entire game, causing five turnovers and allowing just 276 yards in total offense, including 44 yards passing.

Reshard Holmes and Dayton Mickens intercepted passes and LaQuan Hughes, Kealvin

Armstrong and Michael Woods each recovered fumbles.

Quarterback Dustin Proctor played a tremendous game, scoring three touchdowns, two on 1-yard runs and one on a 4-yard run. Proctor threw the ball for 94 yards, and back-up quarterback Matthew Kipp completed 3 of 8 passes for 93 yards.

Leading Apache rushers Olin Coleman gained 87 yards on 17 carries and Wardricus Lucas gained 69 yards on 11 carries.

Robert Ferguson led receivers with four catches for 91 yards, Derrick Armstrong caught one for 90 yards.

The Apaches ended their season Saturday meeting arch-rivals Kilgore College in Kilgore.

